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MARRIAGE.

WALLER - BRENTNALL.—On April 29th, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by the Rev. Copley Moyle, Lionel Alfred, eldest son of the late Charles Alfred Waller of Penang and Mrs. Waller of Hongkong, to Edith Dorothea, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brentnall of New Castle on Tyne. (Penang, Singapore and Shanghai papers please copy.)

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ADVERSARIA.

Not from some
in the name of
GOODNESS, pamphlet, not from
any rationalistic cri-
ticism, but from an evangelical
sermon preached on Sunday last, I
abstract these words:

"There are men now living whose
hands held their children's fingers in
a candle flame to inspire them with
fear of hell."

Prima facie, as the lawyers say,
that seems to me another count in the
indictment of superstition, a dreadful
evidence of what it does to decent
people whose only fault is ignorance
and a sinking from truth. A
sensible magistrate would probably
convict such a mother, at the instance
of the N.P.C.C. Yet she is a good
mother, a most devoted mother ac-
cording to her lights, and it seems to
me acting logically on her beliefs.

Do not assume that
IT IS NOT I'm thinking supersti-
CONFINED tion has its only home
CHAPLAIN in the chapels of the
unco guid. Far from
that am I. It is as human and as
common as a cold in the head. The
"spiritualists" in spite of all jeering
are proving that, and proving that
the sucker census shows no numerical
diminution. There are lots of pro-
fessed "rationalists" who cannot sit
thirteen at table without remarking
it, and who always "touch wood"
for an *absit omen*. The dears! It
would be enough to touch their own
craniums. Perhaps the worst and the
wickedest superstitionists are the
pseudo-scientists, especially the me-
dicine men who believe in inoculation
as their predecessors used to believe
in bleeding. As a commonsensible
M. D. writes in *Truth*:

"The history of medicine is largely
the history of changing medical
fashions. We have universal bleed-
ing at one time; mercurialisation at
another; huge doses of alcohol for
fevers at another. This characteristic
of ever-changing fashions was ac-
knowledgeed by the *British Medical
Journal* more than eleven years ago in
the words:—

Remedies and modes of treatment,
like systems of philosophy and fashions
in dress, have their little day and cease
to be. Back numbers are the grave-
yards of dead theories of which the
various forms of quackery are the
ghosts."

We may not liken the
HELL OR anti-typhoid inoculators
TYPHOID to the hell-centurion
mother, firstly, because
there is such a thing as typhoid, and
secondly, because burning the baby's
fingers would certainly fix an idea in
his mind for keeps. There is much
evidence that anti-typhoid inocula-
tion did harm, and none at all that
it ever did good. But the supersti-
tious of the inoculators enrage me as
the conduct of the baby burner
did for a like reason, that its victims
were as helpless as babies. They
were soldiers, who are not allowed to
"reason why." Theirs is to be
injected and die. You may tell me
that it was optional, that some
soldiers who refused consent were not
inoculated. As to that, Dr. Walter
R. Hadwen tells us that "They were
put for lengthened periods upon
duties usually performed by detach-
ments, such as cleaning up lavatories.
All kinds of fatigue duties, without
leave, and many other punishments
were resorted to in order to break the
will of some of the most intelligent
men who entered the British Army."
It didn't pay to refuse consent, and
most soldiers would notice that and
be compliant. Even then, they
jumped from frying pan to fire.

"The whole system of
IN BRIEF inoculation is built up,"
he says, "upon imagination
and false and superstitious
theories; and it is steeped from
foundation to summit in commercial
interests." He says no official statistics
associated with it are trustworthy.
"The endeavour to save the face of
the inoculation fetish at all costs—and
at the same time the face of the men
whose reputations (and even incomes)
depend upon its 'success'—brushes
every scientific consideration aside."
He gives his own statistics and ar-
guments which convince me (until some-
one proves him a liar) that far too
many of our brave lads were sacrificed
to this fad. I am always very sorry
for soldiers. I have previously given
some of my reasons. This is another.
I pity them and I write in order to
help to create a public opinion that
will help them. There is not a
lavendered life—not all beer and
skittles.

What the soldier said
WHAT THE
SOLDIER
SAID.
He said: "I don't
see go for a soldier, lad. I'll tell
what happened to me. They gave me
the shilling, they gave me the clobber,
and they gave me a number. Then at
church parade, when the chaplain
sings out my number, and says 'At-
tention, we are at the front,' and I
up and says 'Yes, governor,' they
gives me six weeks c. b."

I like the French way of
numbering the hours. I
think 19 o'clock much
more scientific and
efficient and exact than 7 p.m. In
this case brevity is not only the soul
of wit. It is also the soul of precision.
"On the 10th inst at 13 p.m." Who
is ever sure what that means, whether
it is noon on the 10th or midnight on
the eve of the 11th? But 24 o'clock
or 12 o'clock on the 10th cannot be
matter for doubt. So far so good.
But this kind of common sense only
works out right, like Christianity,
when enough people practice it. One
Christian in a crowd of sinners tells
the worst of it. At least, he hardly
counts. So with scientific time-
reckoning. When there seemed a
chance of our adopting it, Mr. Wolfe
of the Police took the chance and
decided to head the procession. He
issued a please, still in force, which

compelled the police to reckon that
way. There is the only department
that does, and it must make them
uncomfortable at times. Say they
write to the P. W. D. of
an occurrence at 13 o'clock.
In writing back the P. W. D. will
translate it into 1 p.m. And so they
go on. I'd like the other departments
to come into line with the police, but
if they will not, then it seems to me
the police should go back to the old
system, for the sake of uniformity.
What's a policeman without his uni-
form?

I saw it stated within
the last few days that
the Kowloon residents
had just learned from
the K. R. A. correspondent, that
Kowloon is to have its trams. The
China Mail announced it over three
months ago.

When a man with a mono-
cle was "up" for getting
drinks at the King Ed-
ward Hotel without pay-
ing for them, the manager
of the hotel talked of his bad language,
although he wasn't charged with that.
And something was said about the
boy offering the man a chair to sign.
I thought we had a law which forbids
hotels to take chits for drinks. What
about it?

It is not true that a
CORRECTIONS certain Hotel Com-
pany has bought the
Peak Trams and the Star Ferries in
order to connect their interests; but
rumour has it they may charter the
British and American navies to
transport their customers between
ports.

Life were less amusing
QUEERNESS had it fewer queer-
nesses. Have you
noticed how queer it is that in any
roomful of men, the one who always
takes the conspicuous position in the
middle and strikes an attitude is
always the smallest there, and the
quickest looking. The other addresses
sort of shyly shrink into wall-flower
positions; but the highlight one, who
may have spinnaker-ears, or a stomach
like a dog's, or whiskers like a cast-
off hairbrush, or a face like a plate
of fried eggs, is the homo-island
entirely surrounded by modesty.

Householders in the
KLEPTOMANIA eastern part of the
Colony are concern-
ed about a new variety of petty
larceny which has begun. Name
plates on their doors are being un-
screwed and taken away by some
person or persons unknown. As the
intrinsic value of these name plates
is so small, they suspect kleptomania.
It has even been surmised that the
culprits must be Europeans. If so,
and their identity be discovered,
there may be a scandalous sequel
which they will not relish.

There was sungare,
INCONGRUITY and there was the
sea and the hills,
yet we talked of communism. Men
are like that. Put them in a
monastery and they will talk of
women, if only to denounce them.
Wreck them on a desert island and
they will talk of Piccadilly and
theatres. So on this hill path, with
the ocean to look at, and the sun to
feel, we talked of communism. He
said—this very brainy man sitting by
me—that the klasswar theory of Karl
Marx is all bosh. "Have you really
read Marx?" I asked him, and he
confessed that he had not. "Nor have
I," said I, "and I never intend to.
So we are in the first class, most ap-
propriate, and entirely usual position
in which to argue about him.
You say he has some theory about a
classwar, and you quote some
M. P. or other to show that such a
thing as a classwar cannot be. To
me that is silly. Classwar is not a
theory; it is a fact. It is also
nothing new. There are long spells
of class peace, as in the other kind of
war and peace, but class war recurs,
and have done so for ages, and are
even more inevitable than the other
kind of war."

As usual, he had to be
AS USUAL personal. "But you,"
he said, "are a
Socialist." "Only as you yourself
are," I replied. "Under Socialistic
laws we are all Socialists, but I
personally dislike it, and would be glad
to see all our Socialistic laws repealed,
and our Socialistic legislators put
where they could do no more mis-
chief. Chesterton points out that the
Condition has legally established every
bad feature of Socialism, while leaving
out all the potentially good ones. All
paternal legislation is Socialism. I
dislike any government that meddles
with my purely personal habits which
is the central idea of socialism, to
rule a people as a government rules a
nursery. Ours is already a partly
communist government, too, for you
cannot claim that private prop-
erty is much safer with them than it
is in Russia." Whereupon he said
that I was tedious, and we re-
turned to our walk. I wasn't the least offend-
ed, for they sometimes accuse me of
being tedious. Sometimes they say "Now
you are leg pulling," which is an
inviting reply to a serious pro-
position.

Shaw and Chesterton
SHAW AND must often be annoy-
CHESTERTON ed in that way, I im-
agine. They are both
very serious men with a sense of
humour, consequently every chump
who lacks both seriousness and hum-
our, but is firm stanced in conven-
tional notions of things suspects them
of clowning whenever they try
to teach him. Here is a serious bit
of Chesterton, from his new book: "A
little while ago two tramps were sum-
moned before a magistrate, charged
with sleeping in the open air when
they had nowhere else to sleep. Each
of them eagerly produced about two
pence, to prove that they could have
got a bed, but deliberately didn't.
To which the policeman
replied that twopence would not
have got them a bed; that they could
not possibly have got a bed; and
therefore (argued that thoughtful
officer) they ought to be punished for
not getting one. The intelligent
magistrate was much struck with the
argument; and proceeded to imprison
these two men for not doing a thing
they could not do. But he was
careful to explain that if they had
sinned needlessly and in wanton
lawlessness, they would have left the
court without a stain on their
character; but as they could not
avoid it, they were very much to
blame. These things are being done
in every part of England every day.
They have their parallels in every
daily paper; but they have no
parallel in any other earthly people
or period, except in that insane com-
mand to make bricks without straw,
which brought down all the plagues
of Egypt. For the common historical
joke about Henry VIII hanging a
man for being Catholic and burning
him for being Protestant is a symbolic
joke only. The sceptic in the Tudor
time could do something; he could
always agree with Henry VIII. The
desperate man to-day can do nothing.
For you cannot agree with a mania:
who sits on the bench with the straw
sticking out of his hair and says
"Procure threepence from nowhere
and I will give you leave to do with-
out it."

That is serious argument,
no seriously meant. If you con-
JOKE sider the picture of the
magistrate with the straw
less sober than it might be, I
assure you it is merely the vivid
method of a serious expounder who
quite honestly considers the magis-
trate an imbecile; and I agree with
him. I did not so much as smile
when I read that passage I have
copied out for you. I frowned.
I recognized the deadly truth of it.
I am by profession a tramp myself,
and have lived for whole seasons on
the road. One summer in England I
carried a small tent of my own de-
sign, and slept in it night after night
on the road side, being careful never
to put it where it could annoy traffic.
Knowing as a fact of experience what
we do not usually admit in print,
that there is one law for one class and
another for the other, I took pre-
cautions to establish, in case of need,
my claim to belong to the privileged
class. I included a monocle in my
luggage. About 3 a.m. one time I
was roused from a good sleep
in a grassy hollow quite six
or seven yards away from the
highway. "Nah then," a con-
stantish voice was roaring. "Out
of that. Git a move on. Can't have
your sort here." Screwing the monocle
into position, and crawling out so as
to enter the light of his bull's-eye, I
spoke in an affected voice which I
meant him to recognize as the Oxford
accent. "Oofeah! What evah is—ah
—the mettah! Why do you
presume to distabla me in this very
wode meannah?" He backed off,
saluting and apologising.

You realize, I hope, what the game
is behind this extraordinary law?
They want all the poor idlers to go
to work to help some rich man to more
profit, but they do not desire to
unhitch with an idle class that has,
they think, the right to idle.

It is true that a man
WORK must work or starve,
OR but not true that it is
STARVE his duty to work
industriously and re-
gularly for the benefit of
his employer after he has
earned his own needs. It is not
customary to admit it, but most of
these tramps do work. They work at
odd jobs or odd days until they have
accumulated enough for their simple
wants. They buy the luxury of
idling, of travel, and of freedom (from
all bossing but that of police and
magistrate) by simplifying their
wants. If they wanted a bed at the
Savoy they would have to work for
longer than they like. So they cut out the
Savoy. Now, a man who can and
does simplify his wants as they do is
entitled to the fullest freedom, and
this persecution by the law is unfair.

It is quite clear to me
THE POOR that "blessed are the
poor" meant these poor
at wanting, those who simplify their
wants. The poorest of the poor I
define as those who have much larger
desires than means to attain them. I

consider a man with £1000 a year a
poor man if he is all the time yearn-
ing for things that would cost £2000.
I hold him truly rich who has a
dollar a day, if the attainment of his
wants costs him but that dollar. If
Diogenes is content with his tub, it
is wicked for the law to try to
drag him into drudgery to earn a
back room in some slum.
The law never owns up that
it is working for the mere
profiteer and luxury craver who is to
employ him. It pretends that its
concern is the man's own good. I
think that hypocrisy, and I needn't
say more about hypocrisy. But
assume that I am wrong, and that
the law is sincere. Then still I say
that the law is wrong. Any law that
tries to do me good, in violence to my
own small wants and inclinations,
that tries to "uplift" me from con-
tinentment to discontentment, I feel a
Socialistic law, and the meddlesome
idiot who made it the rankest
kind of a Socialist. I am, in
short, English, and I value my
freedom, to which I was bred. Thus
it leaks out that I have escaped from
the proletariat, if I ever belonged to
it, because not even the English
proletariat is bred to freedom. It is
bred to servility, and that is why the
policeman saluted a monocle and a
bleating voice. To talk like this,
says my friend, is to talk like a
Bolshevik! I really cannot under-
stand how men can miss the point so
blatantly. The 35 per cent. of Coal-
ition Bolshevism that I am
deploring and denouncing in England
is represented by 100 per cent. in
Russia, where I would scarcely last a
day, unless it were a dumb day. I
do not know what label I should bear,
but I am no Bolshevik, no communist,
no socialist. The only State to which
I can be loyal, and feel loyal, is the
State that interferes as little as
possible with the liberty of the sub-
ject. Where does it live, that I may
go at once and be naturalized?

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Among the passengers who arriv-
ed by the "Empress of Asia" yesterday
was Sir Wilfred Peel.

Command Orders note that "it
has been brought to notice that certain
officers and other ranks are wearing
helmets of a civilian pattern when in
uniform," and add that "this habit
must cease forthwith."

Capt. J. A. N. Noel has been
granted leave from May 4 to August 15
for the purpose of proceeding to
Tientsin and Capt. C. S. Bodwell from
June to September, to visit North
China, Mongolia and Manchuria.

Major-General Sir John Fowler
and Lady Fowler returned to the
Colony from Manila by the "Empress
of Asia" yesterday. Captain C. S.
Fisher and Captain R. Neville return-
ed by the same steamer. Mr. J. E. H.
Bibby and Mr. Dent, members of the
Hongkong polo team, are extending
their stay in Manila.

Mr. Henry Helsen, a Danish
journalist attached to the staff of
the *Berlingske Tidende*, met with
a serious accident on April 21.
He left Bangkok by rail for Denchai,
with the intention of tramping from
Phrae through Ching Rai, the Shan
States, Yunnan, and Kwangsi to the
West River and Canton. He was
brought back to Bangkok on May 1,
with a broken leg, having been thrown
from a pony at Phrae, and is now in
hospital.

In connection with the Tennis
Courts at Happy Valley, Command
Orders state that the Hongkong Golf
Club have kindly consented to alter
the "tees" of the 5 and 6 holes,
thereby minimising any chance of
accident. It is hoped that this conces-
sion of the Golf Club will be appreci-
ated by tennis players, especially when
walking to and from the roads to the
courts. It is also pointed out that
spectators and children should keep
clear of the Golf Course as far as
possible and keep in the proximity of
the tent, which is to be pitched on
the further side of the courts.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood, Puirne
Judge, in the Summary Court yester-
day afternoon, Madame Flint sued an
ex-employee, Kung Hum, for \$38.05,
the balance due in respect of money
advanced. Mr. F. X. D'Almada,
appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant,
who admitted the debt, was not
legally represented. Judgment having
been given for Madame Flint, Mr.
D'Almada said that when defendant
was working for plaintiff he was also
working for Madame Flint's head
dressmaker, who was doing outside
work. Madame Flint objected to the
head dressmaker doing that outside
work because she was taking away
custom which would otherwise come
to plaintiff. His Honour asked what
Mr. D'Almada wanted. Mr.
D'Almada:—I want him to admit
that, because I want to use his
evidence afterwards. His Honour:—
Then you can see him outside.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING SUIT.

A GUILD CASE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, May 13.

A test case of great interest to
shipping was heard to-day in the
British court. The plaintiffs were the
China Coast Officers' Guild, and the
defendants the San Peh Shipping
Company. The case arises out of an
agreement signed in Hongkong in
March 1920 referring certain
differences regarding salaries to
arbitration. Plaintiffs claim that the
defendants have broken the arbitra-
tors' award and engaged numerous
masters and officers at reduced pay.
They pray for an order for the specific
performance and enforcement of the
award.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SCENES AT SHUICHOW.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Dear Sir,—In the following letter I
have made no attempt to dwell either
on the Political or Military Situation,
but merely wish your readers to know
of the appalling state of affairs which
exist in the city which is at present
the Military Headquarters of Dr. Sun
Yat Sen's Southern Expedition.

The writer has been at Shuichow
for the last two days and has had
ample opportunity of obtaining first-
hand evidence.

The whole city is closed from a
business point of view, every business
house and private dwelling being full
of soldiers. Meat and vegetables are
almost unobtainable, while the price
of rice which is now extremely scarce is
as much as 7 catties to the dollar,
whereas before the arrival of this
military rabble it ranged between
12 and 14 catties to a dollar.

It is estimated that between fifteen
and twenty thousand troops are bil-
leted on the city, the normal popula-
tion of which is about 30,000. More
troops arrive daily from the direction
of Canton while others are being sent
up the North River to Nanking in
which district the first brush with
the enemy is reported to have
taken place. The soldiers
themselves are hardly recognisable
as such, many of them being without
arms and a large percentage with
their uniforms in rags. Little or no
discipline exists—whilst gambling and
opium smoking are rife.

The writer was particularly amused
by seeing fire gambling tables (Tantan
etc.) in full swing within a few hun-
dred yards of President Sun's Yamen.
Gambling houses, as to be seen
all over the city, most of
which are owned and run by the
soldiers with the full knowledge of
their commanding officers, who are
either afraid or too lax to put a stop
to it.

It would seem incredible that Dr.
Sun is ignorant of this state of affairs
and it is the opinion of many that he
has not sufficient control to prevent it.

Few civilians are to be seen in the
streets due to the fact that patrols
of soldiers commandeer the people for
coolie transport. The troops have
already collected upwards of 4,000
men and women for this purpose who
are made to carry heavy weights
enormous distances in the wake of the
expedition. Not only is this the
case in the city but troops are sent
out to the surrounding villages to
round up the country farmers and
their families in order to
transport the military supplies. It
is really pitiable to see the
citizens of a peaceful country being
beaten and bullied by nohing better
than a horde of brigands.

It seems extremely sad that the
leaders of an expedition, which is
about to attempt the salvation of
China, should start by shutting their
eyes to the fact that their own soldiers
indulge freely in gambling, opium
smoking, and every known vice.

Yours etc.

R.A.D.

Canton, May 12, 1922.

GOVT. APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Drs. Charles Forsyth,
Robert Maclean Gibson, and George
Harold Thomas to be members of the
Midwifery Board for a term of three
years.

His Excellency the Governor has
appointed Mr. Arthur Rylands Lowe
to be an unofficial member of the
Legislative Council during the absence
on leave of the Honourable Mr.
Henry Edward Pollock, K.C.
His Excellency the Governor has
nominated Mr. Dallas Gerald Mercer
to be a member of the Council
of the University of Hongkong for a
term of three years, vice Sir Ellis
Kadoorie, Esq. deceased.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THE WALKING STICK.

Harry's father had a stick of which he was very fond. It was quite a plain stick of ash wood but very strong and when he went for long walks in the country he always took it with him and he told Harry that he had had it for some years.

One summer they all went to stay at Conway in North Wales, Harry and his mother and father and of course the walking stick as well. They had rooms in a little grey stone Welsh house on the banks of a big river and every day whenever it was fine they took their tea and sometimes dinner out and visited all the beautiful places around.

"This is where Daddy and I came some years ago just after we were married Harry," his mother told him. "And it was here that he bought the walking stick of which he is so fond."

"Was I there too?" asked Harry but she answered that he had not even been thought of then.

One day they went by train to a place called Camarvon where there was a wonderful old castle and when they came back in the evening Harry was very tired and he had his supper quickly and jumped into bed and was soon fast asleep.

The house was still when he awoke some time later and it was dark, only a streak of moonlight shone between the Venetian blinds on his bed.

"I wonder what made me wake up," said Harry to himself and then, as he sat up in bed, he heard a faint bump, bump all along the passage underneath his room.

He sprang out of bed and ran quickly downstairs in his bare feet, when a strange light met his eyes. The front door was open and his father's favourite walking stick, which was leaning against the wall, was just going out.

"I must see where it is going," muttered Harry who could hardly believe his eyes and, still in his unslipped feet and sleeping suit, he crept after it, shutting the door gently behind him.

There was no sign of life in the village street and the walking stick kept to the middle of the road, tapping its way along.

"It seems to know where it is going," thought Harry as he watched it turn one corner then another, until at last it came to a path across a field which led to a wood, where old ash and oak trees grew side by side. Straight into the wood it plunged and now it was going so fast that Harry found it difficult to keep up with it. And then he was running so quickly that he did not look where he was going and he fell over the root of a tree. When he sat up again the walking stick had disappeared but he could hear someone on the other side of the tree talking loudly. He got up and peeped round the big tree trunk and there he saw it standing by an old ash tree talking rapidly and all the branches of the ash tree were bending down to hear it.

The knob of the stick certainly looked like a head and there was a knot in the wood which appeared to be its mouth which opened and shut with a snap like a dry twig cracking. This is what it was saying:—

"I never thought dear father that I should see you again, or you my brothers and sisters after all these years. (And at this some of the branches stretched out and patted it gently on the head and the aged tree trunk creaked and groaned). It does seem a long time since I left you," it went on. "And you may like to hear what has been happening to me. I have a kind master who never forgets to take me with him and never once has he lost me or left me behind anywhere. He loves me dearly and we all go round the world together." (At this the branches shook as if they did not believe him) but it continued, "Yes I have been everywhere, right up to the north of Scotland, in Cornwall and Sussex and Norfolk and in the very middle of England in a place called the Black Country where everything is grimy and the towns are full of factories and smoking chimneys and there were very few nice walks where we could go."

"It must think then that England and Scotland are the whole world," muttered Harry to himself.

"I had such an adventure once," said the stick. "We were walking across a lonely common, my master and I. He was looking at the sunset and saying to himself some stuff which he calls poetry which he sends to newspapers and so gets money for himself and his family. Suddenly a tramp sprang up from behind a gorse bush and seized my master's gold watch and chain and ran off quickly. We followed quickly and as my master can run like a hare we soon caught him up. Then I gave the robber such a crack on his arm that he dropped the watch and chain and made off. We did not follow him as my master does not like having to send people to prison and is not as hard as I am. Do you not wish dear father and brothers," it went on, "That you could go out and see the world as I do?"

And at this the branches waved up and down wildly as though nodding their heads and the hoary trunk gave several loud cracks.

"And now I must go back again," continued the walking stick. "We have gone many miles to-day and to-morrow I hear we are off again for a whole day picnic so I must rest a bit. Good-bye my dear family, I will come and see you again," and it waved to the ash tree vigorously and then hopped off once more.

Harry scrambled after it through the bushes and along the path over the field, down the village street and in at the front door, which opened to them as if by magic.

The walking stick with a tired sigh leapt into its corner in the hat stand and did not even notice Harry as he crept by and up to bed.

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PETER PAN.

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Arthur White.—Thank you for your letter. I should have liked to have heard you saying that piece of poetry.

Oliver White.—I am glad that you liked your prize. I hope that you will have lots of fun bathing.

Miss Bataille.—I was glad to hear from you and hope that you will be lucky with your pen another time.

Which English word of three syllables contains all the letters of Alphabet.

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Dear Peter Pan.—Thank you very much for the pretty pen you so kindly sent me. It was very kind of you and I shall be able to write to my dear old granny and grandma with it. We have started our bathing trips and it will be nice for the summer. I hope you got my letter that I sent about a fortnight since. I should love to see you dear Peter Pan. Lots of love and xx.

From your little friend
OLIVER WHITE.
No. 6, Government Quarters.
Happy Valley.

Dear Peter Pan.—I am so sorry I have not written to thank you before. I thank you ever so much for the nice silver pen. It is so nice to think I can take a silver pen home to England. I am going to say a piece of poetry at Vanchia Sunday School Anniversary called "What can a little chap do."

Yours Sincerely
ARTHUR WHITE.
No. 6 Government Quarters.
Happy Valley.

Dear Peter Pan.—For not thanking you earlier, I received a severe dressing from mother. She said that I had no manners and that my behaviour was much annoyed at my behaviour. I am sincerely repentant. The pen I am using to write you this letter is the same silver pen you gave me as a consolation prize for my funny drawing. I shall keep it carefully so that in future when you offer prizes for another competition I can use it to bring me luck again.

I remain,
Your loving,
ELSA BATAILLE.
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kowloon, May 8.

A rather outstanding and derogatory commentary on the present administration of the island is the marked increase of highway robbery and market looting between this place and Kowloon and in the Van Sio district to the east. A large and well organized gang seems to be operating within ten or fifteen miles to the south and east of this prefectural city. Lim Ko district city is also said to be in a disturbed condition. The head Van Sio robber has sent a letter to the military official, General Teng Van Fo inviting him to vacate his vamen, so that the robber chief, can be the main authority.

ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

The much talked of Anti Christian Society has made its appearance in the government schools of this city. The Provincial Middle School formed a society first and issued a hand-bill condemning Christianity in about the same terms as did the students of Peking. Then the Normal Middle School and the District Middle School took it up and a second paper was issued. This accused the American missionaries of having undue influence with the natives and of conspiring to sell Hainan to the Japanese. The shopkeepers of Hoihow have little sympathy with this movement because of the resentment stirred up by the Students' Union boycott of Japanese goods.

PERSONALIA.

Mr. T. Nelson of Canton has recently arrived as Commissioner of Customs in Hoihow, succeeding M. Tichen, who has been transferred to Hang Kow. Five new foreign tide-waiters are due to take up their duties here. The Customs staff is to build extensive new quarters and a new Customs house is to be constructed.

The Hainan members of the National Christian Conference which is now meeting in Shanghai consists of the Rev. J. P. Steiner of Nodosa, Miss K. L. Schaeffer of Kachek, Mr. Feng Oang Sin of Kachek and Mr. Chen Tseng Ki of Hoihow.

Mr. J. T. Steiner, and two children departed for Hongkong per s.s. "King Yuan" on May 4. The "King Yuan" is a new China Navigation steamer just out from England. It is well supplied with cabins which are equipped with electric lights, heat and fan. Such things are innovations indeed among most of the vessels touching at Hoihow.

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STRANGE DEATH.

JAPANESE GIRL WHO READ TRAGIC NOVELS.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, as Coroner, assisted by Mr. Kaga, the Japanese Vice-Consul, held an enquiry yesterday afternoon into the circumstances attending the death of a 14-year old Japanese girl named Huroko Ishayama, whose body was recovered from the harbour by the Water Police in the vicinity of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, North Point, on May 5.

The first witness called was Dr. J. T. Smalley, the Government Medical Officer in Kowloon, who said that on May 5 he held a post-mortem examination on the body of the deceased at the Kowloon mortuary. The girl's body, he said, was found in a peculiar way. She was fully dressed but round her thighs a piece of cloth was tightly bound, whilst another piece was wound round her outer garments between the hips and the shoulders. Another piece, was tied round the girl's legs about seven inches above the knees. Round her neck, in a double turn, was a piece of red cloth; this was tied in front. The body showed signs of having been in the water. Death was due to drowning and not to strangulation. In his opinion the girl had attempted to commit suicide by tying herself up and finding that this failed, threw herself into the water.

Mr. Taku Taro Ishiyama, the proprietor of the Iroko Hotel, Hoihow Lane, was then called. He last saw her alive shortly after 6 p.m., on May 4, when she went out to post a letter. As she failed to return at 7 p.m., he went out to search for her. Unsuccessful, he sent his brother-in-law, Mr. Hakaka Iroko, to report the matter to the police. On the following day he received a telephone message from the Japanese Consul as the result of which he went to the Kowloon mortuary and there identified the dead body of the girl. The witness could not suggest any reason why the girl should have committed suicide. "She had been in the habit of reading novels unfit for young people," he added.

The Coroner enquired if the girl were like any other girls of her age, and the witness replied that she "talked like an old woman." The witness added that to his knowledge the girl did not have any love affair. Replying to the Vice-Consul, the witness said that the girl was his adopted daughter and had been in his household for five or six years.

Mr. Hakaka Iroko, the girl's uncle said that he searched for her until 2 or 3 in the morning.

The Coroner: Supposing the girl had committed suicide, can you give any reason why she should have done so?

The witness: As I think, I told the Water Police, she was too fond of reading tragic novels, which made her hysterical.

The Coroner: What do you mean by hysterical?—She was very fond of going to the hillsides to read and would come back crying.

But that does not account for her action in committing suicide?—She said she was very tired of the world.

Oh! did she—at that age; were your sister and her husband good to her?—Yes.

After a short adjournment the Coroner said to the Japanese interpreter: Tell the deceased's father that the Japanese Consul and I are satisfied that it is a case of suicide whilst in a fit of temporary insanity, and I will record a verdict to that effect.

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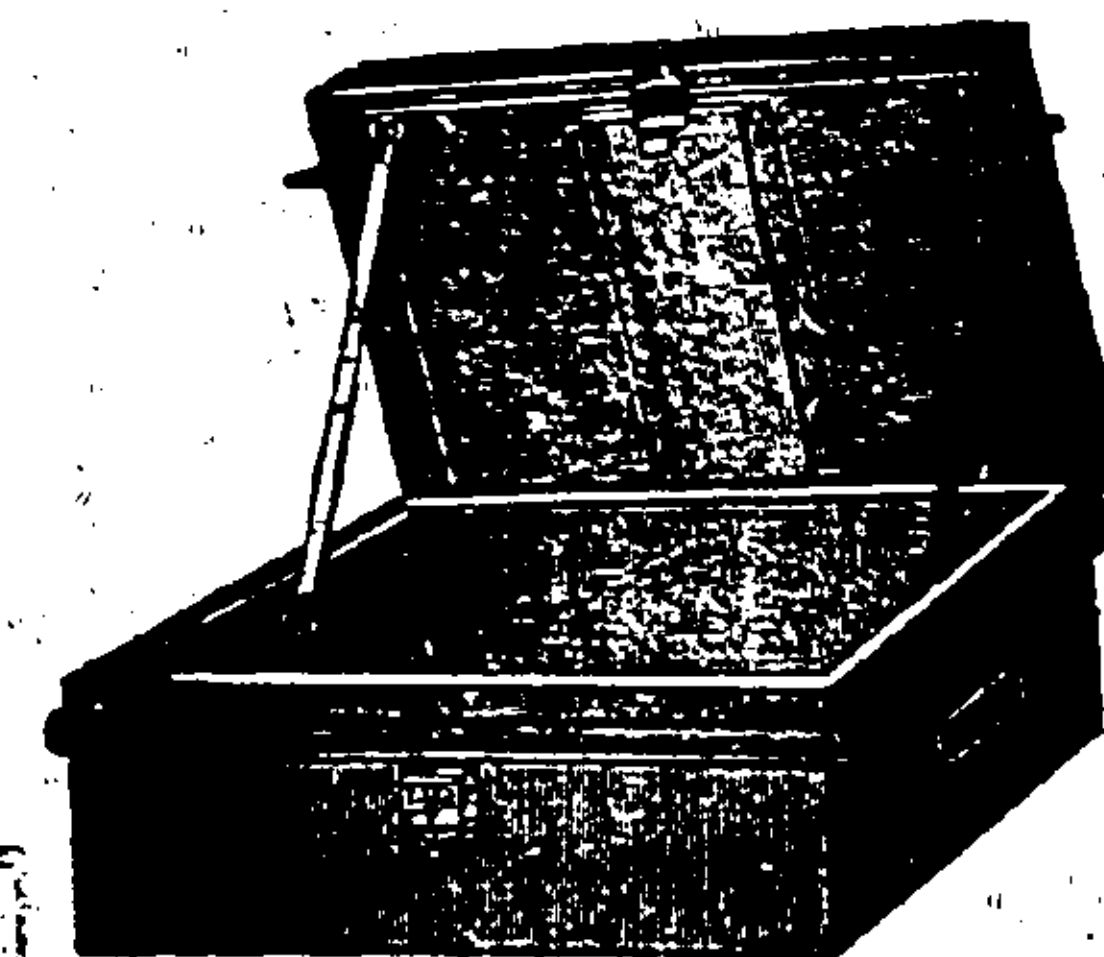
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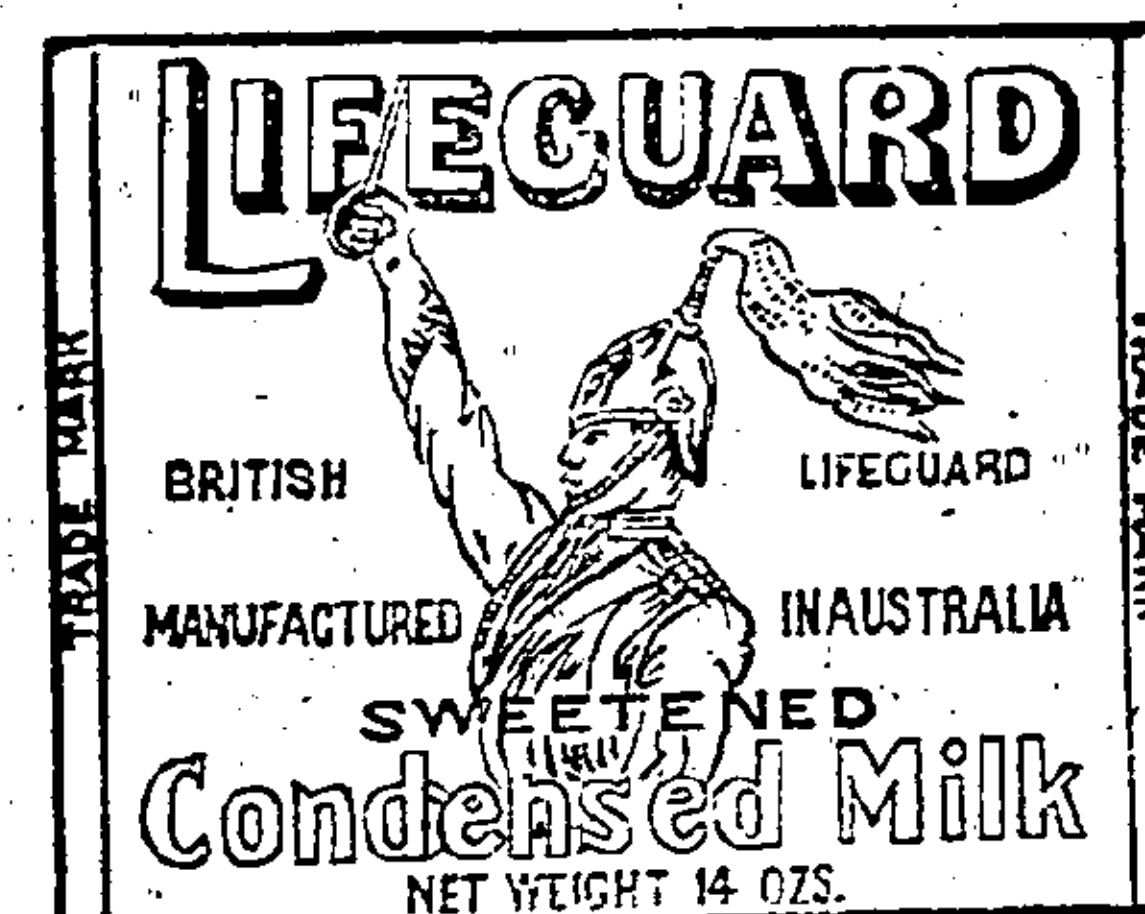
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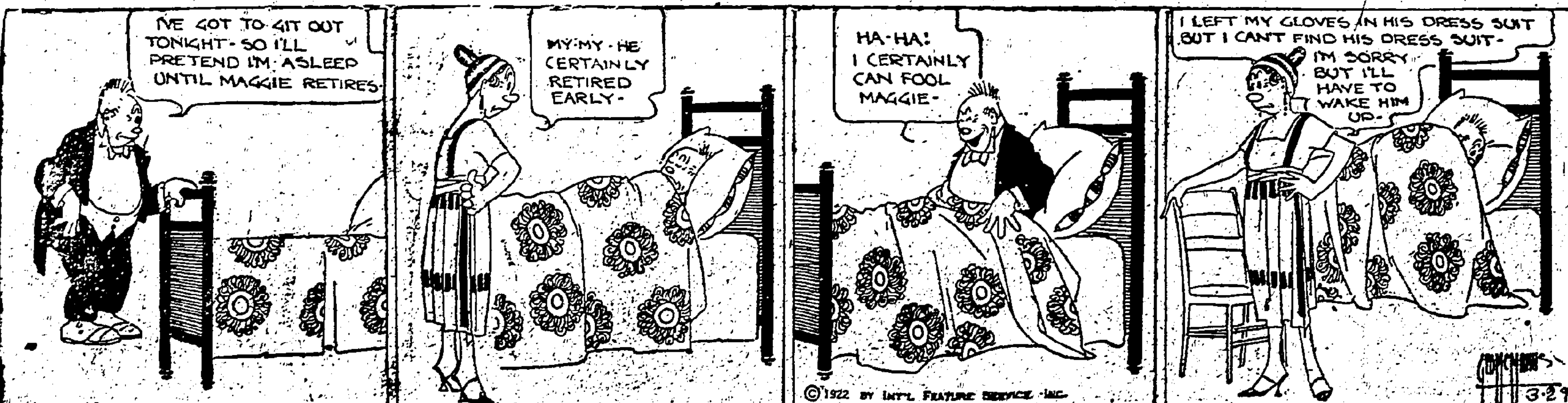
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The U.S. President and two journalists. Dean Williams left. J. W. Brown right. They enlisted his sympathy for trans Pacific radio Press messages.



Caught like this in Pennsylvania woods. He is believed to be an escaped prisoner.



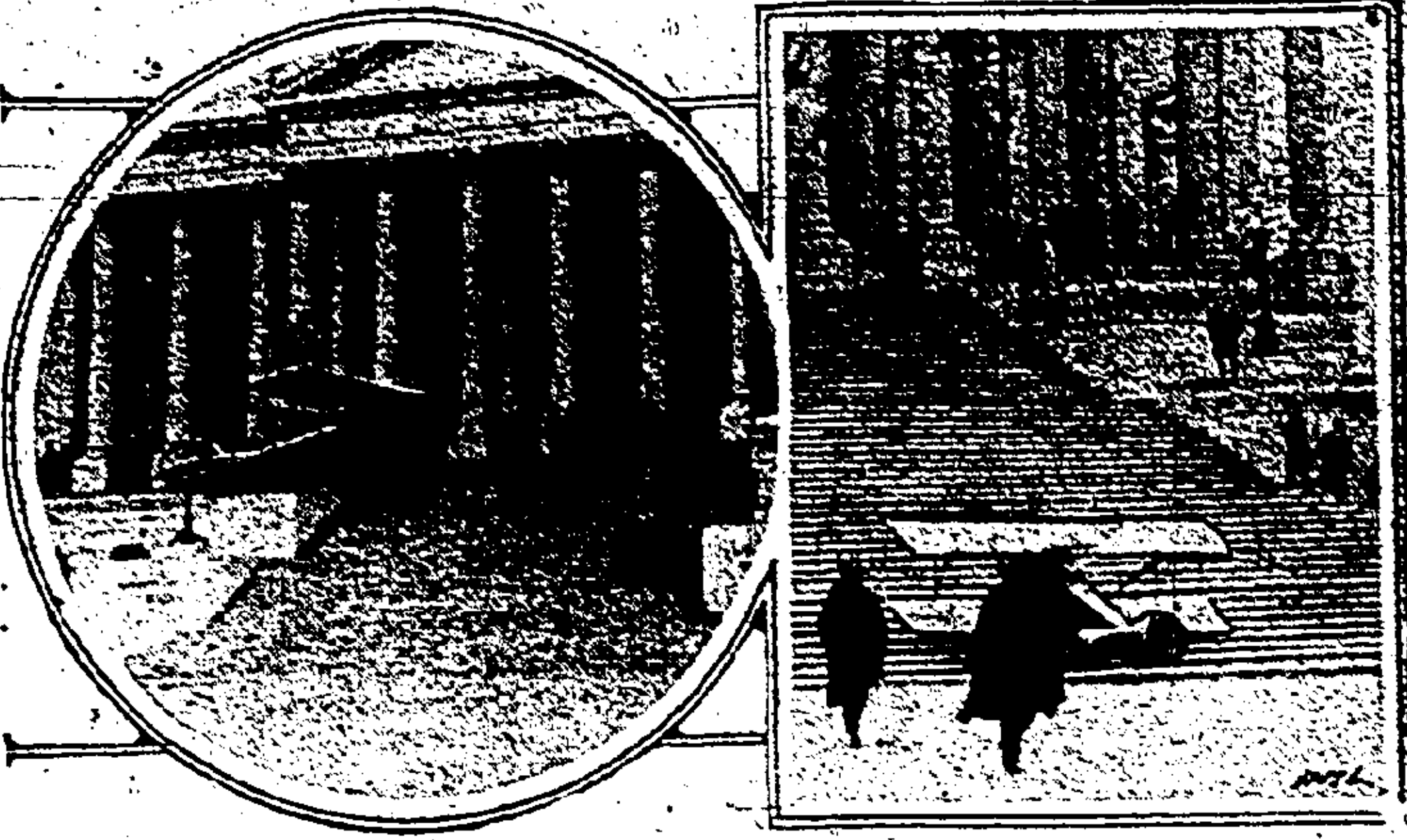
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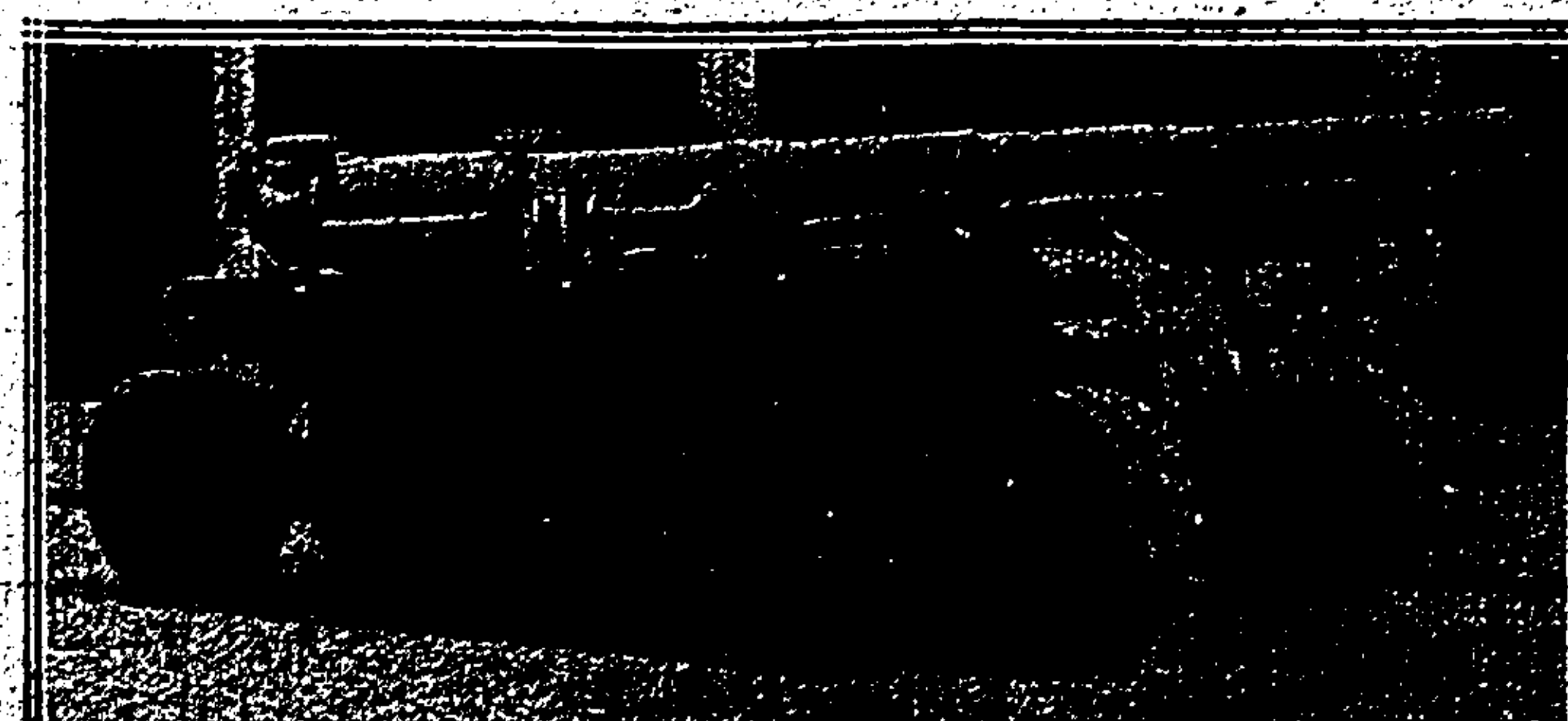
A flying "stunt" at Washington. — Aviator Sperry lands on Capitol steps.



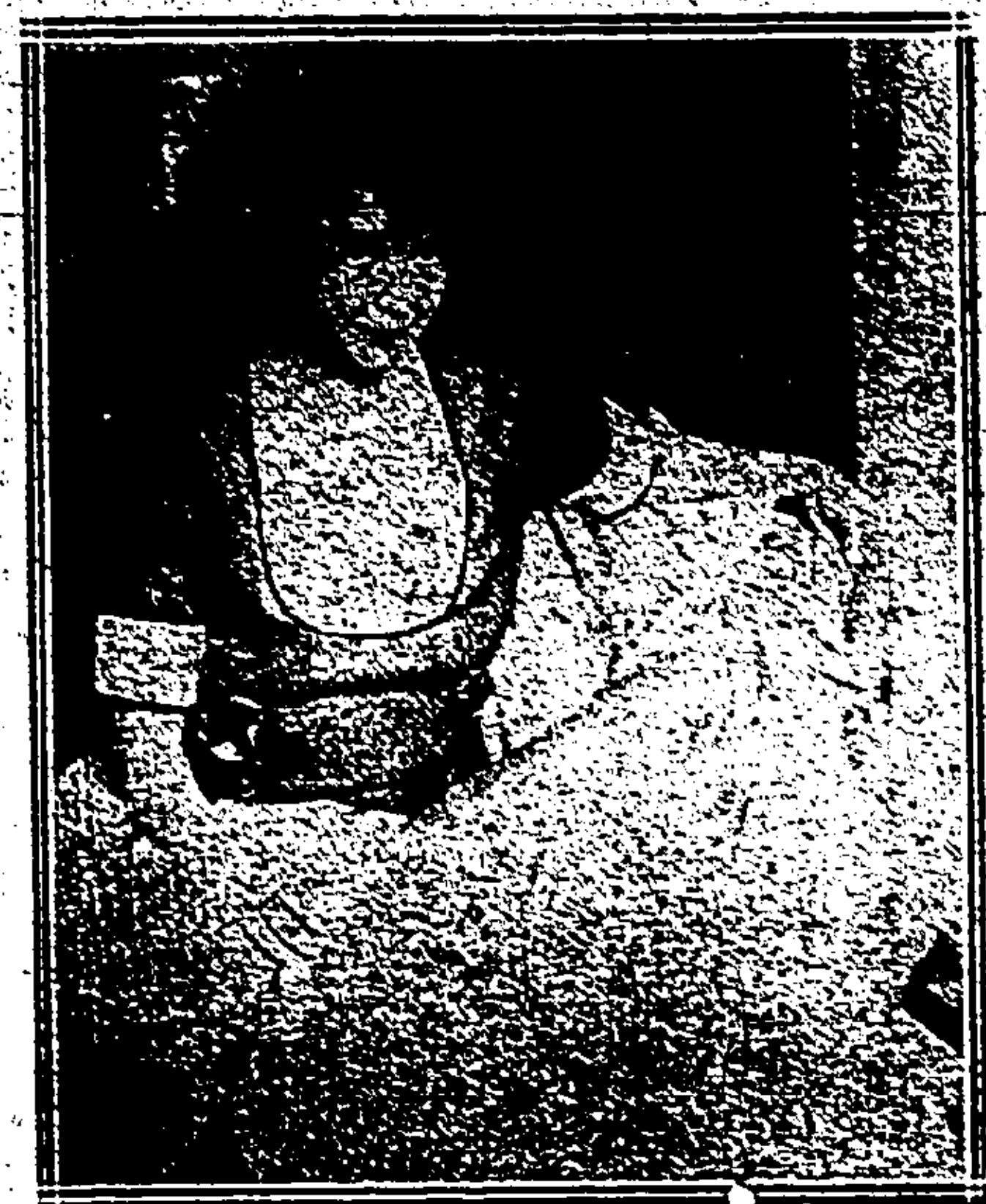
Five possible brides that the newspapers have been picking out for our Prince. As H.R.H. said himself, it aint all beer and skittles being a Prince.



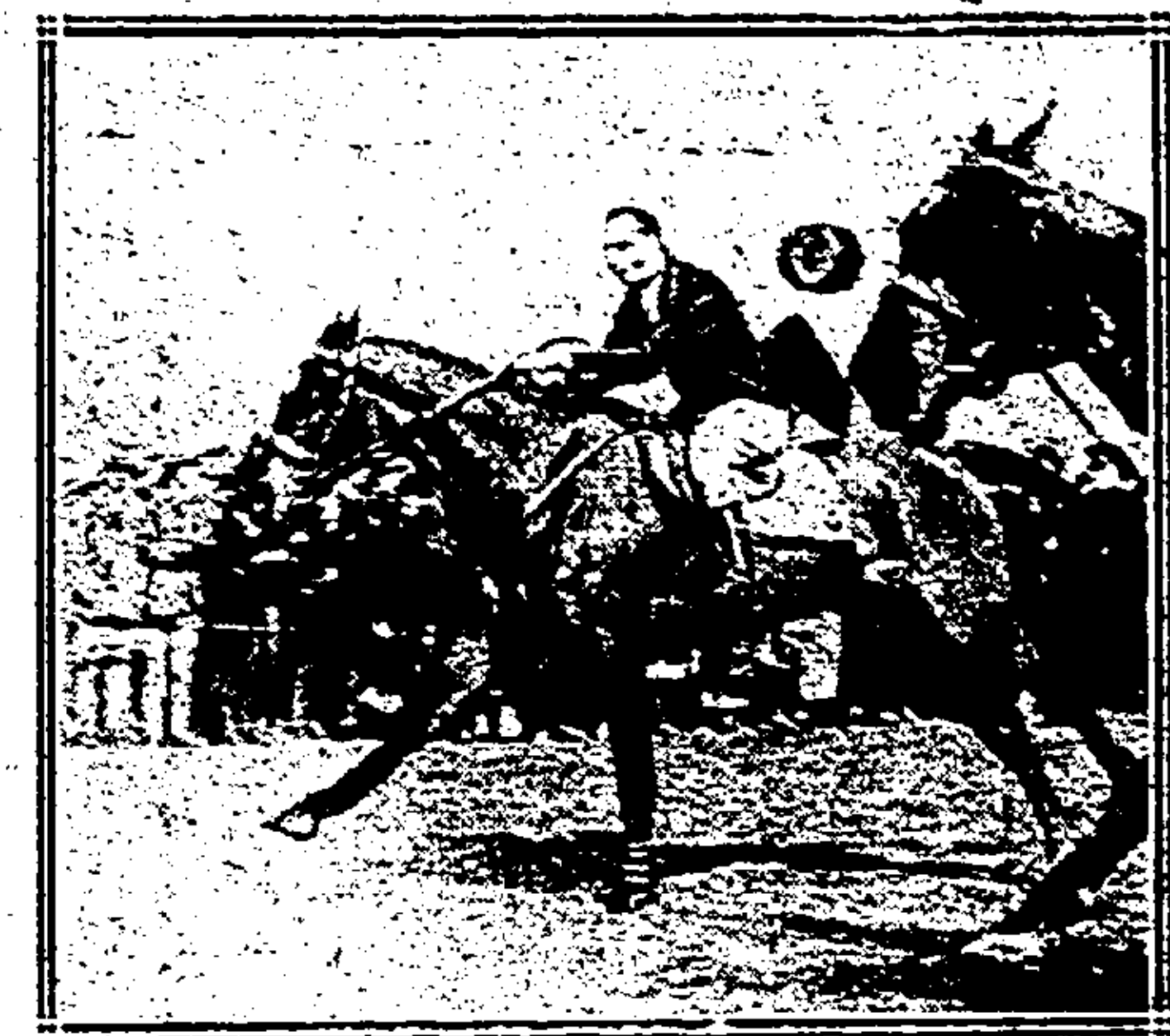
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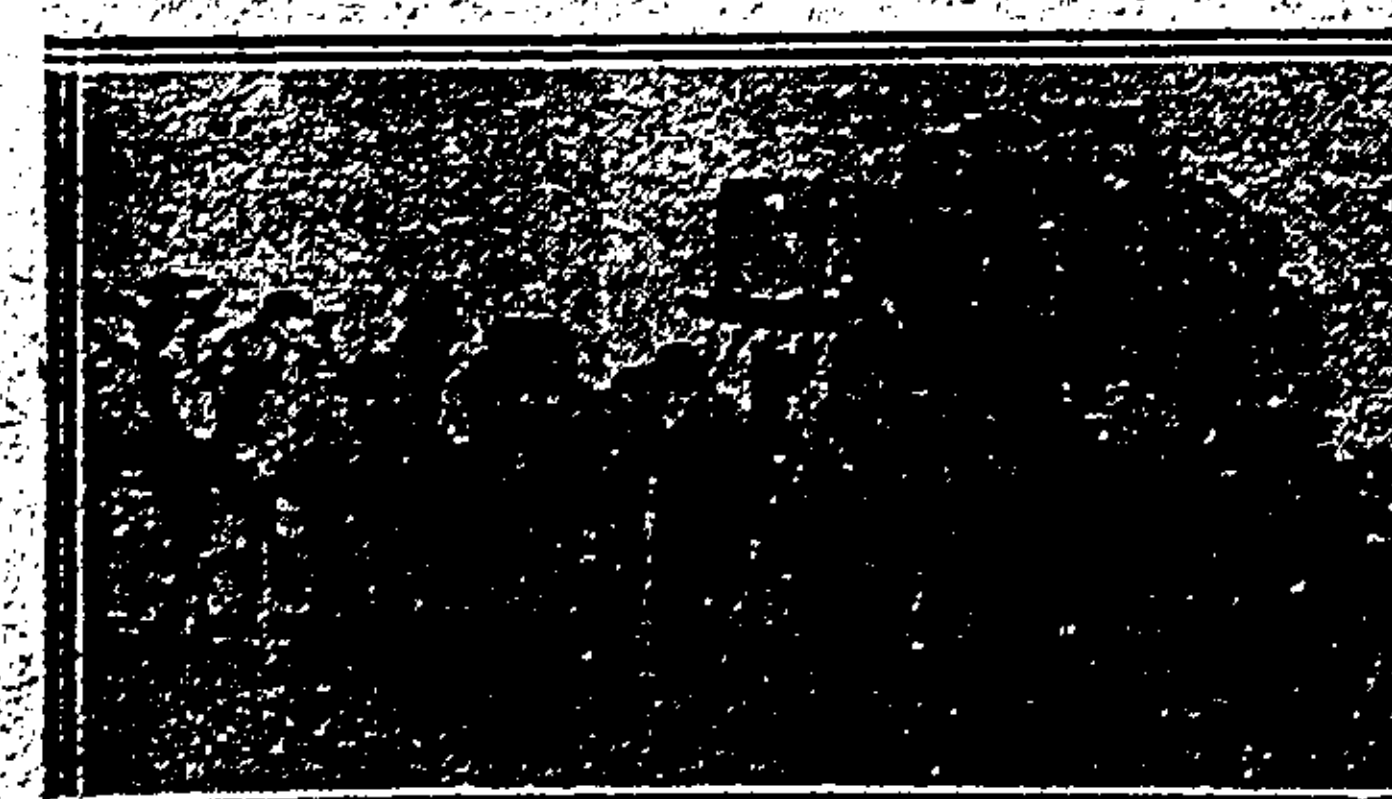
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